

# Lump Sum Cash Accumulation Scheme

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the National Provident Fund, set out below is a report on the performance and activities of your Scheme for the year ended 31 March 2025. Further information on the National Provident Fund's activities, and commentary on investment markets, is set out in the Chair's letter.

## **Your Scheme**

#### **CROWN GUARANTEE**

The Lump Sum Cash Accumulation Scheme is a cash accumulation scheme. The benefits payable by your Scheme are guaranteed by the Crown.

#### **INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE**

The asset class returns (after investment manager fees, but before tax and other expenses) and the comparative performance of the benchmark indices are shown in the table below.

Asset Class	Return	Index
Fixed interest (global)	3.83%	4.08%
New Zealand equities	1.95%	1.96%
Overseas equities	9.68%	10.93%

The investment return (after tax and expenses) earned by the Scheme, for the year ended 31 March 2025, was 4.78% (2024: 13.44%). In dollar terms, this represents an investment gain of \$15.360 million (2024 investment gain: \$38.877 million).

# Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2025

#### **SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The summary financial statements included in this Annual Report have been extracted from the full financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The summary financial statements cannot be expected to provide as complete an understanding as the full financial statements.

Members are welcome to view the full financial statements on our website – www.npf.co.nz/members/schemes – or contact the Scheme administrator, Datacom (see details on back page), for a free copy of the Scheme's full financial statements.



#### INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE CONTINUED

Investment returns were buoyed by continued strong returns from global equities, although returns tapered off somewhat in the March quarter as greater geo-political uncertainty made its mark on markets. Market performance was dominated by the very strong returns of a small number of very large technology related companies. The New Zealand equity market struggled somewhat in comparison, while global Interest rates were relatively unchanged over the year.

See the comparison over the page for the key statistics of your Scheme over the last 10 years. For an overview of the financial performance of the Scheme, refer to the tables on the following pages.

#### **EARNINGS RATE**

The earnings rate declared by the Board for the Scheme for the year ended 31 March 2025 was 4% (2024: 4%). The Board continues to apply it's crediting and reserving policy. At 31 March 2025, the reserves were 7.9% of contributors' total credits (2024: 7.0%).

#### WHO INVESTS YOUR MONEY

#### Fixed Interest Managers (global)

Brandywine Global Investment Management, LLC Pacific Investment Management Company LLC PGIM, Inc

#### **New Zealand Equity Managers**

Devon Funds Management Limited Harbour Asset Management Limited

#### **Overseas Equity Managers**

Arrowstreet Capital, Limited Partnership

Lazard Asset Management, LLC (terminated 10 September 2024)

Robeco Hong Kong Limited (appointed 26 September 2024)

Russell Investment Management Limited (appointed as transition manager 9 September 2024)

T. Rowe Price Australia Limited

#### Foreign Exchange Currency Hedging Manager

Bank of New Zealand Limited

#### **HOW YOUR MONEY IS INVESTED**

The Scheme's strategic asset allocation is set by the Board and reviewed regularly. During the year the strategic asset allocation was changed as shown below, effective from August 2024. The pie charts show the Scheme's asset allocation strategy as at 31 March 2024 and 31 March 2025.

#### Asset Allocation Strategy as at 31 March 2024

#### Asset Allocation Strategy as at 31 March 2025



The Board's Statement of Investment Policies, Standards and Procedures (SIPSP) is reviewed regularly by the Board. During the year the SIPSP was updated and there were no significant changes to the SIPSP relating to the Scheme, other than the asset allocation strategy detailed above. See our website, www.npf.co.nz, for more information about your Scheme, including the Board's SIPSP and the Scheme Trust Deed.

### SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

This is a summary of the		2025 (\$000)	2024 (\$000)
Scheme's income and	Investment income	15,360	38,877
expenses, and membership contributions and payments.	Less operating expenses	(837)	(739)
contributions and payments.	Net income before tax and membership activities	14,523	38,138
	Income tax credit	195	188
	Net income after tax and before membership activities	14,718	38,326
	Contributions	1,813	2,940
	Transfers received	48,546	26,309
	Less benefit, transfer and withdrawal payments	(65,150)	(45,819)
	Net membership activities	(14,791)	(16,570)
	(Decrease)/Increase in liability for accrued benefits	(73)	21,756

### SUMMARY STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

This is a summary of the		2025 (\$000)	2024 (\$000)
Scheme's assets and liabilities, as at 31 March 2025.	Investment assets		
	Fixed Interest Unit Fund	202,367	148,123
Assets include the Scheme's investments in fixed interest	New Zealand Equity Unit Fund	24,974	29,631
(global), New Zealand shares	Overseas Equity Unit Fund	85,422	133,550
and overseas shares plus what the Scheme had in the bank	Total investment assets	312,763	311,304
and was owed by others.	Other assets	2,455	3,909
	Total assets	315,218	315,213
Liabilities are what the	Less liabilities	(142)	(64)
Scheme owed to others.	Net assets available to pay benefits	315,076	315,149
Net assets is the money			
available to pay future	Represented by:		
entitlements.	Liability for accrued benefits		
	Allocated to contributors' total credits	292,048	294,500
	Interest fluctuation reserve	23,028	20,649
		315,076	315,149

### SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

This is a summary of the cash		2025 (\$000)	2024 (\$000)
flows through the Scheme during the year.	Opening cash brought forward	3,505	1,488
3 3	Net cash flows from operating activities	(15,460)	(17,330)
Cash was received from:	Net cash flows from investing activities	13,759	19,347
<ul> <li>operating activities (being contributions less benefit</li> </ul>	Net (decrease)/increase in cash held	(1,701)	2,017
and transfer payments and operating expenses); and	Closing cash carried forward	1,804	3,505
<ul> <li>investing activities.</li> </ul>			
The difference between the two cash flows is recorded as an increase or decrease in cash held.			

## NOTES TO THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The summary financial statements:

- · have been extracted from the full financial statements which were
  - prepared in accordance with, and comply with, the New Zealand Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards;
  - authorised for issue by the Board on 26 June 2025; and
  - audited and received an unmodified opinion;
- cannot be expected to provide as complete an understanding as provided by the full financial statements;
- · are reported in New Zealand dollars, rounded to the nearest thousand;
- are for a profit oriented entity; and
- comply with Financial Reporting Standard 43: Summary Financial Statements

#### SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

There were no material events subsequent to balance date requiring amendments to these financial statements.

## TRUSTEE'S REPORT

For the year ended 31 March 2025

The Board of Trustees of the National Provident Fund, as trustee of the Scheme, provides members with the following information in respect of the Scheme

Changes in the Scheme membership numbers during the year were as follows:

	Contributors
Opening membership as at 1 April 2024	1,163
Retirements	(134)
Withdrawals	(20)
Transfers	-
Deaths and disablements	(46)
Joins/rejoins	97
Extinguished liabilities*	-
Closing membership as at 31 March 2025	1,060

\* Following a Trust Deed amendment on 5 April 2001, once reasonable efforts have been made to locate a member who has been missing for at least five years, the Board may extinguish the liabilities to that member. Where a person re-establishes contact with the Board within 15 years of the liabilities to that person being extinguished, the person is reinstated as a member of the Scheme.

The terms of the Scheme Trust Deed do not specify contribution levels.

The Board certifies that, to the best of its knowledge, all benefits required to be paid from the Scheme were paid in accordance with the terms of the Scheme Trust Deed.

The Board, based on the advice of the Actuary, certifies that as at 31 March 2025, the market value of the net assets of the Scheme exceeded the total value of vested benefits. The amounts are shown in the Notes to the financial statements.

#### **FEES**

Scheme administration fees are apportioned on fee per member and fee per transaction bases and are charged to the Scheme as a whole. As at 1 April 2024 and 2025 the scheme administration fees were increased for inflation.

The Board certifies it is satisfied the increase in the administration fees for the Scheme is not unreasonable. The Board is satisfied the total management fees charged to the Scheme are not unreasonable.

#### TRUST DEED AMENDMENT

The Scheme Trust Deed has not been amended since 25 June 2024, being the date of the Scheme's last annual report. A copy of the Trust Deed is available on request.

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the readers of Lump Sum Cash Accumulation Scheme's summary financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The Auditor-General is the auditor of Lump Sum Cash Accumulation Scheme (the Scheme). The Auditor-General has appointed me, Pam Thompson, using the staff and resources of Deloitte Limited, to carry out the audit of the summary financial statements of the Scheme on his behalf.

#### **OPINION**

The summary financial statements of the Scheme that comprise the summary statement of net assets as at 31 March 2025, the summary statement of changes in net assets, and the summary statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date, and related notes, are derived from the full financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 that we have audited.

In our opinion, the summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the full financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025, in accordance with FRS- 43: Summary Financial Statements issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board.

#### SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand. Reading the summary financial statements and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the full financial statements and the auditor's report thereon.

The summary financial statements do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our auditor's report on the full financial statements.

## THE FULL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND OUR AUDIT REPORT THEREON

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the full financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 in our auditor's report dated 26 June 2025.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Board of Trustees is responsible on behalf of the Scheme for the preparation of the summary financial statements in accordance with FRS-43: Summary Financial Statements.

#### **AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the full audited financial statements of the Scheme, based on our procedures, which were carried out in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate the Professional and Ethical Standards and the International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

We did not evaluate the security and controls over the electronic publication of the summary financial statements.

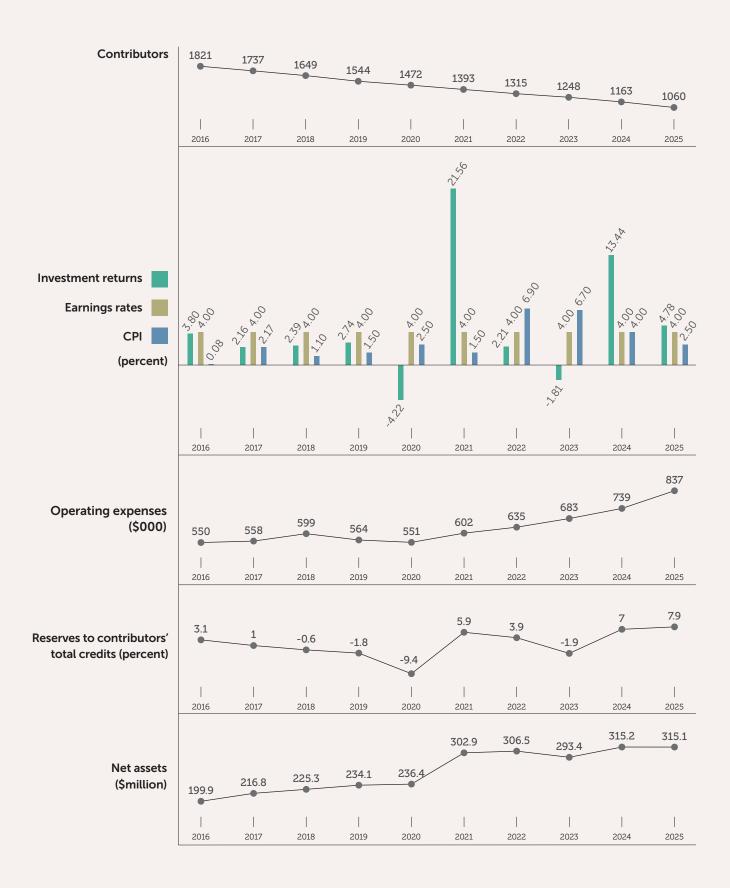
Other than the audit and an assurance engagement for the register of members, we have no relationship with, or interests in, the Scheme.

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Pam Thompson for Deloitte Limited On behalf of the Auditor-General Wellington, New Zealand

9 July 2025

#### **10 YEAR COMPARISON**



## Directory as at 9 July 2025

#### **TRUSTEE**

**Board of Trustees of the National Provident Fund** 

#### **BOARD MEMBERS**

**Louise Edwards** – Chair – appointed 1 July 2019 and Chair from 1 July 2024

Sarah Park – Deputy Chair – appointed 1 February 2020 and Deputy Chair from 1 July 2022

Graham Ansell - appointed 12 July 2021

Tracey Berry – appointed 1 July 2022

Lloyd Kavanagh - appointed 1 July 2022

Michelle Tsui - appointed 1 July 2024

Further information on the Board members is provided on our website – www.npf.co.nz.

#### **MANAGEMENT**

Tim Mitchell

Chief Executive and Acting Chief Investment Officer

Fiona Morgan

Chief Financial Officer

Hadyn Hunt

Chief Risk Officer

Ireen Muir

General Manager – Schemes



#### **ADMINISTRATION**

Datacom Connect Limited is the administrator of the NPF Schemes.

#### **CONTACT DETAILS**

You are welcome to contact Datacom if you have any specific questions about the information in this report or to enquire about your Scheme membership in general. If you would like to receive a free printed copy of this report or the full financial statements in the mail please contact Datacom.

The Trust Deed and actuarial valuation is available on NPF's website (www.npf.co.nz/members/schemes/). You can also purchase a printed copy of the Trust Deed (\$10) or actuarial valuation (\$10) by contacting Datacom.

Please quote your identity number when contacting Datacom.

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If you would like to know more about NPF in general, or if you would like to view or download a copy of the Scheme's full financial statements rather than receive a copy in the mail, please visit our website – www.npf.co.nz.

You may contact the Board by writing to:

The Secretary

Board of Trustees of the National Provident Fund

PO Box 3390, Wellington 6140, or

Level 12, The Todd Building

95 Customhouse Quay

**WELLINGTON 6011** 

**Auditor:** Pam Thompson, Deloitte Limited,

on behalf of the Auditor-General

Actuary: Christine D Ormrod,

PricewaterhouseCoopers Consulting

(New Zealand) LP

Bank of New Zealand Limited

Custodian: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

Solicitor: DLA Piper New Zealand

There were no changes to the Actuary, Bank, Custodian or Solicitor during the year.